

CARES Act Funding:

The Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health (CONAH) received an allocated amount of \$174,062 from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. CONAH has signed and returned the HEERF certification and agreement form to the Department of Education assuring that no less than 50% to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

The CARES Program offers emergency grants for student experiencing financial hardships related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, child-care expenses, etc).

As of October 1, 2020, the College has disbursed a total of \$91,700 to students.

Determining Eligibility:

There were 140 students who were eligible to participate in the program to receive the emergency financial aid grant. The College disbursed the emergency financial aid grant to a total of 128 students.

All CONAH students who were enrolled in the spring 2020 semester and were eligible to receive federal financial aid or could have been eligible to participate in the programs under section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, were evaluated according to their financial need as reflected in financial aid documents.

The disbursement of emergency aid was done by two methods. The first was done automatically to eligible students through a block method. The second method will be done through an application process in which students will need to complete the Student COVID-19 Financial Assistance Request Form (located on the College website).

The following elements were included in the eligibility evaluation process:

- Financial aid documents including the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) according to the 2019-2020 FAFSA to determine the financial need component
- Spring 2020 semester enrollment (student must be enrolled in at least one nursing course after March 13, 2020)

The block method of distribution is as follows:

- EFC of \$0-\$3000 will receive \$700
- EFC of \$3001-\$9,999 will receive \$600
- EFC > \$10,000 will receive \$500

CARES Grant Request Form:

Eligible students who did not file a 2019-2020 FAFSA (but meet the requirements under Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act) and those requiring more aid than disbursed, can apply by completing the Student COVID-19 Financial Assistance Request Form and submitting the request. Students can apply for up to \$500. The request form is available on the College website. The CONAH Financial Aid Office will review the applications and award funds based on the highest need.

Disbursement of Funds:

All eligible students, whether determined by the block method or application review, will receive their money by check which will be placed in their student mailboxes. Students will be notified of the amount they will receive by the Financial Aid Office.

Additional information regarding the CARES Act can be found on the Department of Education website at https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact.html

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